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Through August 25

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2:30 p.m.
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Free

Alcoholics
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Thursdays
6 - 7 p.m.
A2150

Ways of Making
Juried Art Exhibit
Through June 23
Reception
June 23
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Visual Arts Gallery

Pre-K Screening/
Registration/Tours
June 12, 13
9 a.m. to 2
Family Dev Cntr
708.235.7300

Sex in the Sand
Counseling Workshop
June 21
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Engbretson Hall
[Register](#)

New Perspectives on
Desire
Counseling Workshop
June 22
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
E Lounge
[Register](#)

News and Events

New V.P. at GSU (07-02-11)

President Elaine P. Maimon recently announced the appointment of Courtney Kohn Sanders to the newly created position of Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing.

In this position, she will be responsible for recruitment and outreach, admissions and admissions processing, financial aid, registration and student records, international student services, marketing and public affairs.

View Dr. Maimon's [memo](#).

Outdoor Farmers Market

The GSU Farmers Market will be open today and every Thursday through September.

The outdoor market offers the opportunity to buy locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, freshly baked bread, delicious honey, and other healthy products.

The market is open from 1 to 6 p.m., outside the main entrance.

Direct Deposit Payment Advice

GSU's payroll services in Colleague, the new Datatel system, will begin operation with the July 15 payroll. One of the features of the new system enables online access for all employees to bi-weekly pay details (i.e. salary, benefits, and deductions, etc.). All employees will be able to access this information at any time.

GSU Payroll will discontinue the use of a paper direct deposit advice after June 30.

Beginning with the July 15 payroll, all employees will be able to access their online pay advices on the new GSU portal by taking the following steps:

1. Go to <http://mygovst.govst.edu/facultystaff/Pages/default.aspx>
2. Click on the tab labeled Online Services located on the right hand column
3. Click on the drop down tab labeled Pay Advices

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\$50
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708.534.4092

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June 29
7:30 p.m.
Cntr Perf Arts
[Tickets](#)

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Session
June 30
2 p.m.
G127

If you have questions, contact the GSU Help desk at ext. 4357.

TWAG Needs You

This Week @ GSU (TWAG) is a student run, student produced news show that highlights what is happening on campus. This daily, two minute production focuses on student oriented news and upcoming events. View the show [online](#) and see for yourself what all of the buzz is about.

**THIS WEEK
@ GSU**

TWAG needs your help. TWAG wants information about any student-related events or campus news. The show also needs information for its GSU Spotlight segment. GSU Spotlight highlights exceptional students, courses, professors, student workers, and organizations/clubs each week.

Contact TWAG with news and suggestions at thisweek@govst.edu.

NMSP Artwork on the Move

"Renewal" at Governors State University's Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park continued this week as two well-known pieces by major artists were moved to new locations.

"Icarus," a three-dimensional geometric sculpture by Charles Ginnever, was moved from its longtime location near GSU's Stuenkel Road entrance to a meadow along NMSP's south walking trail. Terrence Karpowicz's "Art Arc" was moved from the Hall of Governors to a location just inside the university's main entrance.



"Just as with other museums, things are always being renewed here," said Geoffrey Bates, NMSP director and curator. "We are constantly working to improve visitors' experience with the park and its artwork. That includes seeking new sites for our presentations."

In its original location, Bates said, most viewers experienced "Icarus" in a "drive-by" fashion, with the piece primarily seen as a two-dimensional object. "The new location will allow visitors to see the piece from distance and then, through a series of 'peekaboo' manipulations of the landscape, experience it from a variety of approaches before they are finally upon it," he said.

"Icarus", created in 1975, is one of the earliest examples of Ginnever's "Hellenic" group of works. By simply crimping together large sheets of Cor-ten steel and aligning them in a variety of configurations, Ginnever created artworks that set up complex planar relationships resulting in a dynamic presentation of light and shadow.

Bates said the new location for "Art Ark," a favorite of visitors over the years, also offers a chance to experience the work on a more intimate basis. Its new site sets up a visual dialogue with the lattice-like framework of the over-arching windows in the entry atrium, he said.

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Art of Wayon Collins

The GSU Visual Arts Gallery will show the work of Wayon Collins in his graduate thesis exhibition *Don't Shoot The Messenger*. The exhibit will be on display from July 7 to 12. A reception celebrating the artist and his work will be held on Tuesday, July 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. Both the reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.



Collins shows the viewer modern day problems through his artwork, which takes the form of comic book covers and the iconic posters of various activists who spoke out against social inequalities.

His artwork has been exhibited in galleries throughout the Chicago area. Collins earned his bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University and is currently pursuing a Masters of Arts at GSU.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Wednesday from 2 to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., and by appointment.

For more information, visit gsuvisualartsgallery.blogspot.com or call ext. 4021.

Scholarship Spotlight – Erin Fletcher



Erin Fletcher of Richton Park received the Rich Township Community Scholarship. Erin is a student in the College of Arts and Sciences' communications program.

She would like to continue her education and receive her master's degree in communications. She wishes to make a difference in teaching communications to children.

Convocation 2011 (06-27-11)

The GSU community – students, faculty, and staff – are invited to attend Convocation 2011, on August 18, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Music Hall. President Elaine P. Maimon will deliver the State of the University Address.

Dr. Maimon will announce this year's Baysore Award recipient, recognizing the GSU employee who best demonstrates the qualities of absolute integrity, total competence, generous dedication, and unfailing civility. She will also announce the 2010-2011 Excellence Award winners.

Refreshments will be served beginning at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Summer Hours Temporarily Interrupted

The four-day work week scheduled during the summer weeks will be temporarily halted next week due to Independence Day. Since the July 4 holiday falls on a Monday, the university will be closed for the holiday only. On Tuesday through Friday, employees will work 7.5

hours per day.

Summer hours scheduling will resume the following week and continue through Friday, August 5.

Meditation Room Change

The location of the summer meditation sessions has been changed. Meditation sessions will be held on Thursdays, from noon to 1 p.m., in room E1590. Sessions are facilitated by Dr. Timothy Pedigo. All sessions are free and everyone is welcome. Sessions continue through August 4.

This Week Update

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Ice Cream Cool Down



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Cerebral Art (06-23-11)

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Distinguished jurors were Allison Peters Quinn, Director of Exhibitions at the Hyde Park Art Center, and Whitney Tassie, Gallery Director of the Monique Meloche Gallery in Chicago. The jurors chose work that reflected the theme of the show - artwork that documents, analyzes, or is inspired by intellectual activity, the thought process, dysfunction, or problem solving by the human mind.

To see this show, visit the Visual Arts Gallery today, from 5 to 9 p.m., and on Saturday, during the reception. The gallery is located adjacent

to E Lounge.

For more information, visit gsuvisualartsgallery.blogspot.com or call 708.534.4021.

Prior Learning Portfolio Workshop on Saturday

The Interdisciplinary Studies Program is hosting a Prior Learning Portfolio Seminar. The seminar, open to current and prospective GSU students, will be held on Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to noon, in room D1496. There is a \$50 registration fee, which includes materials. Refreshment will be provided.

Learn how to:

- Identify prior learning that may be equivalent to college-level work
- Link experience to comparable college courses
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To register, contact [Tiffani Malvin](#) at 708.534.4092.

Scholarship Spotlight - Esther Faro



Esther Faro of Orland Park received the Great Lakes Bank Scholarship. Esther is a student in the College of Education's Elementary Education program, specializing in math.

Her lifelong dream is to become a teacher so that she can share her love of reading and true passion for math.

Let's Scream for Ice Cream

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Roller Coaster Fun



Have a blast this summer at Six Flags Great America and Hurricane Harbor in Gurnee. Take the whole family and enjoy a day riding roller coasters and splashing in the water park.

Tickets include admission to the theme park and the water park. Tickets are valid for one day admission only on July 30, 31, August 12, or 13. Tickets are available for purchase at the Cashier's Office for \$27 each. Tickets are limited so purchase your tickets early. No phone calls please.

Heads Up (06-20-11)

Contractors are scheduled to work on all the sloped glass in the main entry atrium from Tuesday, June 21 through Saturday, June 25. There will be no interruption in access to the Student Central office suite and through the atrium to the Hall of Governors. Facilities reminds the GSU community to be aware and careful of your surroundings.

For more information, contact Facilities at ext. 4515.

Farm Fresh on Thursday

GSU's outdoor Farmers Market will be open Thursday subject to the weather and vendor willingness to brave the elements.

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Tee Time Tomorrow



The GSU Golf League plays every Tuesday, weather permitting, through September 6, at 4:30 p.m., at Golf Vista, 5001 W. Augusta Boulevard, Monee. The league is open to members of the GSU community and their friends.

The cost of nine holes is \$5. Add a cart for \$10, or share the cart fee to cut your costs. Contact [Hollie Campbell](mailto:Hollie.Campbell@gsu.edu) at 708.235.7595 for more information.

It's White Sox Baseball

The GSU Student Senate is sponsoring a trip to U.S. Cellular Field and the chance to see the White Sox trounce the Detroit Tigers. The game is on Wednesday, July 27, at 1:10 p.m.

Students interested in entering the drawing for two tickets and transportation to and from the park should send an email to saasnews@govst.edu with the following information:

1. Subject line: White Sox tickets
2. Name
3. Student ID number
4. Phone number
5. Email address
6. Bus transportation - yes or no



Entries must be received by July 15 to be considered. Only email sent to saasnews@govst.edu will be entered. Phone calls will not be accepted. And remember – you must be a current GSU student to participate.

This Week at GSU Debut

GSU's new student produced daily news show - *This Week @ GSU* premieres today on Facebook, YouTube, the GSU website, and local public access cable.

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July Instant Decision Day

The GSU campus and undergraduate degree programs will be showcased at the Undergraduate Open House and Instant Decision Day on July 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

During the event, prospective students are offered on-the-spot admissions with immediate transcript review and a simplified transfer process of associates degrees and additional credits. Financial aid advisors will be on hand to answer questions. GSU offers financial aid to qualified full and part time students.

For more information, contact [Sharon Evans](#) at 708.534.4490.

Be Prepared (06-16-11)

According to the National Weather Service, tornado activity is most prevalent between March and June.

In the event of a tornado, the campus community will be informed via the hallway fire alarm public address system and the Berbee interoffice telephone system. Once a tornado warning is issued on campus, all students, faculty, and staff must move to their nearest shelter area.



Please take note of tornado shelter areas throughout campus, which are indicated by red signs. [Maps of all shelters](#) are also available on the [Emergency Response website](#).

As with other emergencies, movement toward shelter areas will be facilitated by GSU's Emergency Volunteer Corps.

Get TWAG'd on Monday

Starting next week, GSU's new student produced daily news show - *This Week @ GSU* will premiere on Facebook,

YouTube, the GSU website, and on local public access cable.

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Who will the first mystery host be? Tune in on Monday to find out.

Last Minute Father's Day Gift - Cubs v Sox

GSU's Alumni Association is inviting faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends to watch the White Sox and Cubs duke it out on Tuesday, June 21. The pre-game patio reception begins at 5:30 p.m. and the game starts at 7:05 p.m.



Tickets include a pre-game patio reception with a two-hour all you can eat buffet including BBQ ribs, Cajun chicken, fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, and sides salads with wine, Miller and Pepsi products.



Seats are on the third base line in Section

109.

Packages are priced at \$115 per person. Tickets are limited and are on a first come first serve basis. There is a limit of four tickets per person.

Tickets are going fast - call today to reserve your dad or yourself a spot. For more information or to reserve tickets call [Cheri Garey](mailto:Cheri.Garey@gsu.edu) at the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128.

New Faith in the Dual Degree Program

Governors State University and The Southland Ministerial Health Network have partnered in an effort to inform prospective students about the Dual Degree Program and the GSU Promise scholarship. This collaboration will bring many regional pastors, ministers, and clergy to campus on Tuesday, July 19, to participate in the Promise Pastoral Breakfast. Breakfast will take place at 9 a.m., on the stage of The Center for Performing Arts.

Speakers at the breakfast will include Pastor Michael Sykes of Faith United Church, Park Forest, IL; Apostle Carl White of Victory Christian International Ministries, Markham, IL; and Dr. Elaine P. Maimon. The

event is sponsored by The Southland Ministerial Health Network.

If you know of any church or pastor that may like to participate or would like information about this groundbreaking collaboration, please contact [Jackie Small](#) at ext. 2188 for more details.

Come to Lunch

The GSU Weight Watchers Group is inviting you to lunch on June 21, at noon, in room F1602. Enjoy a salad with friends and learn about the Weight Watchers diet program and how you can join for 12 weeks at a special rate.

For more information, contact [Ayita Woods](#) at ext. 7470.

Civil Service Screams for Ice Cream

Support the Civil Service Senate and celebrate National Dairy Month with a delicious and cooling ice cream soda on Wednesday, June 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. For only \$1.50, you'll receive two scoops of vanilla ice cream and a can of flavored soda pop to top it off. Reduced sugar options will also be available. All proceeds will benefit the Senate's Educational Assistance Fund.

FDM Summer Projects

Several summer projects, including roadway lighting replacement, east entry reconstruction, and exterior signage installation are underway and will require partial road closures and parking restrictions.

Beginning Wednesday, June 15 and continuing through late August, the main entry drive from University Parkway/Stuenkel Road will require single lane closures from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contractors will be replacing exterior lighting and install new signage.

All motorists are reminded to be courteous during the construction period and remain alert. For questions or concerns, contact Facilities Development and Management at ext. 4515.

Coleman Grant for CenterPoint

Governors State University recently received a \$17,000 grant from The Coleman Foundation of Chicago. The grant will be used to support three Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camps hosted by CenterPoint.

Over the past three years, CenterPoint at Governors State has provided more than 400 veterans and active military personnel with the tools necessary to start their own businesses or improve their existing businesses. The Coleman Grant will allow CenterPoint to offer this event free of charge through 2012.

"We are proud to be able to serve those that have served our country," said CenterPoint Director Hilary Burkinshaw. "This grant will allow us to offer this valuable program to an additional 300 veteran



entrepreneurs."

The boot camp is a focused intensive one day entrepreneurial training and counseling event for veterans, active military personnel, their business partners, and families. The daylong event provides the tools and knowledge needed for entrepreneurial success.

IDSS June Workshop

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Newman Civic Fellow Honored

In addition to recently earning her Bachelor of Social Work, Tamara Lewis was also awarded the Newman Civic Fellows Award. Lewis received the honor from the Campus Compact, an organization of colleges and universities dedicated to furthering campus service and service-learning in higher education.

The Newman Civic Fellows Award honors college students whose actions demonstrate their role as public problem solvers and civic leaders. Newman Civic Fellows are nominated by college and university presidents. Lewis was nominated by President Elaine P. Maimon for her efforts to raise money for victims of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti and her outstanding achievements as a student.



"As a student, Tamara demonstrates enthusiasm for academic excellence and genuine concern for addressing social disparities within impoverished communities," said Dr. Maimon. "She is passionate about social justice and desires to empower people and communities."

Lewis was the central force behind "All Nations for Haiti," a fashion show held at GSU, which featured the styles from all over the world.

The show raised \$4,400 for Haitian relief efforts.

"I was driven to help the people of Haiti because I saw a need," said Tamara. "I learned how to work with students from other cultures and countries and with faculty to achieve our goal and raise money. It was a great learning experience."

Student Conference Success



The 17th Annual Student Research Conference was held recently at GSU. Fifteen students presented their research in either a paper or poster presentation. The conference provided students with a forum to highlight their research accomplishments in front of

an audience.

Students also enjoyed a luncheon and received a certificate and recognition from President Elaine P. Maimon and conference organizer, Dr. Shelly Kumar. They also heard from keynote speaker Dr. Umesh Garg of Notre Dame University on the role that nuclear physics plays in the generation of energy that fuels the stars and provides nuclear power on Earth.

EHS Places Available

There is still room for your baby or toddler in the Early Head Start program at the GSU Family Development Center. Your baby deserves the best start you can provide. EHS is a comprehensive program for qualified families.

EHS helps prepare infants and toddlers for school, helps expectant mothers stay healthy and get answers, and provides valuable services such as fulltime childcare, home visits, educational opportunities, and links to support services for families.



For more information about the Early Head Start Program at the GSU Family Development Center, call 708.235.7300 or visit the [FDC website](#).

Scholarship Spotlight - Chinar Desai



Chinar Desai of Wheaton received the Dr. Prince & Elsie McLemore Scholarship for Physical Therapy. Chinar is a graduate student in the College of Health and Human Services' Physical Therapy program.

Chinar would like to serve the underprivileged in India, promoting the benefits of physical therapy in improving quality health care.

Free LSAT Prep Class Begins in August

The Academic Resource Center is offering a free Law School

Admissions Test (LSAT) preparation class on Mondays, beginning August 20 and through April 30. The class is from 7:30 a.m. to 10:20 p.m., in room A2202.

ARC tutor David Sparks will teach the preparation class for the LSAT. Class work will focus on the three main areas of the test: reading comprehension, logic reasoning, and analytical reasoning.

While many test prep services charge \$1,000 or more for LSAT prep classes, GSU is offering this class at no charge.

"This is an opportunity for GSU to offer an important service to the community," says Sparks. "Preparing for this test is not easy. We don't want cost to stop people from taking a course that can help them prepare."

Advance registration is required and seats are limited. For more information or to register, call 708.235.3963 or [David Sparks](#).

GSU BOT Meeting Recap - June 10, 2011

Friday, June 10, marked GSU's second full Board of Trustees meeting of the calendar year.

The Board's executive committee received formal reports, reviewed and adopted a number of resolutions on such issues as award of tenure and construction contracts, and heard administrative reports by Board Chair Lorine S. Samuels, GSU President Elaine P. Maimon, and Student Senator Brendan Hollandsworth gave remarks on behalf of the Student Senate.

During the formal reports session, Executive VP Dr. Gebe Ejigu introduced a new video chronicling GSU's recent sustainability efforts. The video was produced by DLMD to commemorate the "legacy of sustainability" left behind by retiring Chief Facilities Officer Susan Rakstang.

Dr. Ejigu also presented the formal feasibility study for student housing, prepared by Brailsford & Dunlavey, a facility planning company based in Washington, DC. The report noted the strategic importance of a housing facility to the attainment of GSU's enrollment goals. Significant research, surveys, and analysis focused on single students currently enrolled full-time in GSU's programs as the Phase 1 target market. Board member Jack Beaupre noted that "the Board expresses interest in moving forward with site capacity study and pre-schematic designs."

Regarding E and F Building remodeling progress, Dr. Ejigu noted that the administration expects resolution and a new bid deadline from Illinois' Capital Development Board in the near future. Groundbreaking for the project is expected to take place on August 18 to coincide with Convocation.

Tenure was awarded to Reinhold Hill, Christopher Dyslin, David Green, Martha Libster, Kerri Morris, John Simon, and Michel Nguessan. Linda Proufit was awarded Professor Emeritus status. The Board also approved the creation of the position of Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing as well as two new degree programs: M.A. of Teaching in Urban Education and B.A. of Entrepreneurship.

The Board also reviewed and adopted a preliminary FY2012 budget. A final budget will be presented to the Board at its October 2011 meeting.



Student Trustee Brendan Hollandsworth was recognized for his contributions and professionalism during his expiring term and founding BOT member Kristi DeLaurentiis was acknowledged for 15 years of dedication and leadership upon her recent resignation.

Board Chair Samuels reported on her extreme satisfaction with the reformatted Commencement ceremony. She also noted her admiration for recent Honorary Degree Recipient Vivian Gussin Paley who delivered an "inspirational message" to graduates and faculty. The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park's recent installation of *The Granary Project* by Dan Peterman was noted. Samuels commended Vice President Joan Vaughan and the Institutional Advancement staff for exceeding their FY2011 fundraising goal and noted the Board's delight with the new marketing campaign as well as the Alumni Association's expanded outreach initiatives.

During her report, President Maimon also complimented those that worked on the June Commencement. She noted the highly successful NCATE accreditation visit. "In all my years in education, I've never heard a preliminary NCATE report as stellar as the one received from the GSU site visit team," Maimon noted. The report included five commendations and contained no areas of improvement.

The President noted that while Governor Quinn has not signed Illinois' FY2012 budget, it appears that GSU budget will not be significantly reduced. "GSU's business plan is focused on increasing productivity and student enrollment. We are fortunate that our mission statement matches our fiscal goals," she added. Maimon also noted that Dual Degree Program recruitment is moving forward with great success, calling the program a "hallmark with national implications." She noted the leadership of retiring Chief Facilities Officer Susan Rakstang who "made the campus more beautiful, safer, and environmentally responsible." Maimon also recognized retiring Dean of Library Services Diane Dates Casey noting that Diane "not only led the library - heart of the university - but brought faculty, staff, and students together to experience rich cultural life." Finally, Maimon thanked Dr. Karen D'Arcy for her yearlong tenure as Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Maimon closed her remarks by noting the significant success of the IRIS Project, which will better serve both student needs and business operations. "As you know, June 6 was D-Day in World War II," she said. "June 6, 2011 was GSU's D-Day for the first large-scale test of the Datatel system - student registration." She noted that 1,275 students had already registered in the system thanks to the successful implementation of the myGSU portal. "I'm happy to report that the revolution is here, and it works!"

Brendan Hollandsworth reported that the Student Senate will open a permanent food bank to serve area residents. He said students generally accepted the marginal increase in tuition and fees and were excited about the prospect of on campus housing, noting some concern with the cost of rent. Hollandsworth also reported that the

recent Student Senate election was unique as an increasing number of international students were elected and will be involved in student government.

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For students who want to stay in the know, stay tuned to *This Week at GSU* beginning June 20.

For more information, contact [Keisha Dyson](#) at ext. 6870.

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Scholarship Success - Sabina Childs



Sabina Childs of Glenwood received the ACCESSS Scholarship. Sabina is a student in the College of Arts and Sciences' School of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Sabina plans to pursue a master's degree in Health Administration. Her goal is to be a Clinical Research Associate after graduation.

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Stop and Think

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Beat the Heat

There is still time to register for summertime swim lessons at the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center. Lessons are offered on Saturday mornings for adults and children ages five to 17.

Discounts apply for students and Recreation and Fitness Center members. Limited space is available so contact the Recreation and Fitness Center today at 708.236.7662.

Commencement Week Success (6-6-11)

More than 650 graduates participated in Saturday's Commencement, arguably the largest in GSU's history. The ceremony took place in the greatly expanded Tinley Park Convention Center, which allowed for nearly 4,700 attendees. Family and friends who were unable to attend also watched around the world via a live webcast produced by DLMD.



Educator and author Vivian Gussin Paley was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters and inspired students with her

Commencement remarks by encouraging them to remain children at heart.

Graduation capped off a weeklong series of events including the university's second doctoral hooding ceremony and a distinguished lecture by Gussin Paley. GSU's next Commencement ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 19, 2012.

Fall Registration Begins Today

Priority registration for Fall courses begins today. Registration will take place in the new [myGSU student information portal](#). Students received new login, password, and e-mail information by mail.

The university has also upgraded the student e-mail system to Microsoft Live@edu, which provides significantly more storage space and other user functions than the previous e-mail accounts.

Students who have problems accessing the new system or who need assistance with registration should contact the GSU Helpdesk at 708.534.4357.

Registration Resources:

- [Registration Instructions \(PDF\)](#)
- [Registration System Tutorials](#)
- [Schedule of Classes](#)

Take Me Out...

Today is the final day to purchase tickets to the Joliet Slammers game on June 19. The Grow Ticket sales are part of a fundraiser for Grow Your Own South Suburban Consortium, which supports educating teachers from the community for the community.

Tickets are available for the Joliet Slammers for only \$10 each. The Slammers play ball at Silver Cross Stadium and the first pitch is at 6:05 p.m.



Included with each ticket is entry into a drawing for an authentic Chicago Cubs jersey signed by pitcher Kerry Wood. The more tickets you buy the more chances you have to win the jersey.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact [Andrea DalPolo](#) at ext. 4582. Checks must be made payable to the GSU Foundation.

June Alt Cert Info Session

Learn how to earn elementary or middle school teacher certification and secure a teaching position through Governors State University's Alternative Certification Program. Information sessions will be held on Wednesday, June 8, in Engbretson Hall.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program offers three ways to earn certification and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a master's degree in education and teacher certification. TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a \$30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The Alternative Certification Program also offers the opportunity for teachers to teach full-time as they earn a salary and their teacher certification. In addition, there are also reduced salary teacher residency opportunities, which also lead to teacher certification.

This program is open to college graduates with five years of work experience after receiving a bachelor's degree. The application deadline for the Alternative Certification program, beginning Spring 2012, is December 15.

Celebrate Commencement on Saturday (06-02-11)

Congratulations to GSU class of 2011. More than 650 graduates will participate in Spring Commencement on Saturday, June 4, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

While tickets are required for entry, if you're unable to attend the ceremony or simply want to check out the action from the comfort of your own home, check out the live webcast on Saturday morning. Full details are available on the GSU [Commencement website](#).

****TRAFFIC NOTICE**** Please note that I-80 is under construction, in both directions, near Joliet. Please plan for sufficient driving time or an alternate route when traveling to/from that region.

Fresh at GSU

GSU's outdoor Farmers Market opens today with locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, freshly baked bread, delicious honey, and other

healthy products for sale. The market runs from 1 to 6 p.m., outside the main entrance.

The market will be open every Thursday afternoon through September.

Presentation Focuses on Early Childhood Education

Vivian Gussin Paley has spent a lifetime teaching and learning from very young children. For her outstanding and influential work as an educator, Paley is receiving an honorary degree from GSU at Spring Commencement on June 4.



She will also share her knowledge during a public presentation, *The Ideal Early Childhood Education*, on Friday, June 3, at 3:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The lecture is free and open to the public.

With 37 years of experience as an early childhood educator, Gussin Paley is considered one of the nation's experts on the education and enrichment of very young children. Her work has influenced how children are taught and teachers are trained. Her presentation will include observations on the world of young children, academic and social growth, and the development of communication.

'One More Night' Coming to Center for Performing Arts

Thanks to a \$50,000 grant, Governors State University will present productions by three Chicago theater companies for *One More Night* at The Center for Performing Arts.

The Chicago Community Trust awarded the grant for the *One More Night* series, which will bring productions to The Center at the conclusion of their regular engagements. Scheduled performances are:

- *Flow*, by Will Power, presented by ETA Creative Arts Foundation on November 12 at 8 p.m.
- *Tad in 5th City*, presented by MPAACT Theatre on January 21 at 8 p.m.
- *Broadway Sings the Silk Road*, presented by the Silk Road Theater Project on April 28 at 8 p.m.

"The opportunity to work with three of Chicago's most respected theater companies, and to introduce the Chicago Southland to their work, represented a unique cultural opportunity for GSU," said Burt Dikelsky, Executive Director of the Center for Performing Arts. "We are grateful to the Chicago Community Trust for making possible this vision."

Dikelsky said the three companies represent the best of Chicago theater and will present a diverse series of shows sure to make an strong impact on GSU audiences. As part of the grant, GSU is planning special outreach efforts to Southland residents and will integrate lectures and other activities related to the performances in the weeks preceding the shows.

Flow features Will Power, a leading renaissance man in hip hop theater. In this one-man show, he morphs into a variety of different characters,

telling each of their unique stories through rhythmic verse.

Tad in 5th City tells the story of young Tad Brown and his family, but it is about a neighborhood as it festers under the weight of poverty, gang violence, and addiction in the aftermath of the 1968 Chicago riots.

Broadway Sings the Silk Road synthesizes musical theater and oral narrative as songs from popular Broadway musicals set along the Silk Road are re-interpreted in ways never imagined by their original composers and lyricists.

Download the *One More Night* [press release](#).

Summer Hours Return Next Week

GSU will roll out its Summer Hours Program beginning next week. Full details are available in the original [HR memo](#).

Basic details regarding Summer Hours are as follows:

- The Summer Hours Program will begin on Monday, June 6 and continue through Friday, August 5.
- The university will be "open" on Fridays in the same sense that it is now "open" on Saturdays. Most offices will, in fact, be closed. However, the university is open for classes, which will be conducted as scheduled. The Library, Academic Computing Center, and Department of Public Safety will maintain their usual Friday hours. Those three areas will arrange hours for employees to assure they meet the needs of students and others.
- Each participating employee will work 37.5 hours per week, Monday through Thursday, within the range of time between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. Units and Departments will determine the hours for specific units. All timesheet related questions should be directed to individual unit heads/supervisors.
- It is important that such schedules be designed and implemented in such a way that support for and delivery of essential academic services are not diminished or compromised in any material way. As such, participation in the four-day work week Summer Hours Program will be determined by each department head based upon the operational and programmatic needs of that department. Summer hours may be suspended or modified by a unit head in order to accomplish a specific project.
- Exception requests from employees due to hardship will be considered by supervisors and unit heads in consultation with the Human Resources Department on a case-by-case basis. The university will exercise flexibility and attempt to address specific employee needs as appropriate.

Tamara Kroeger – Student Commencement Speaker

At Saturday's Spring Commencement, GSU will award bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees to more than 650 graduates. In addition to earning her Bachelor of Arts in Social Science, Tamara Kroeger of South Holland has been chosen to deliver the student commencement address.

In her commencement address, Kroeger plans to focus on the determination it takes to get an

education and the value of continued learning. She understands the importance of embracing whatever opportunities life has to offer and believes there is no time to waste in striving to reach your goals and fulfilling your dreams.



Kroeger was chosen student commencement speaker because she epitomizes the GSU student. She is earning her degree after serving in the U.S. Marine Corps for five years. She attended South Suburban College in South Holland before transferring to GSU to complete her degree.

As a wife and mother, Kroeger also understands what it means to balance work, family, and school. She and her husband have two young sons and she also works for Chase Bank in Chicago.

Scholarship Success - Valencia Brown



Valencia Brown of Park Forest received the Rich Township Community Scholarship. Valencia is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration.

Following graduation, she would like to obtain an administrative position with a large organization.

She has 15 years of administrative experience in the Chicago Public Schools.

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Share the Open Mic

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to 1 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Everyone is invited to participate. Read original poetry, short stories, or excerpts from longer creative works, or perform an original song.

If you don't want to perform, join the audience. Bring your lunch.

For more information, contact [Lydia Morrow Ruetten](#) at ext. 4116.

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